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## From the County Commissioner

This weekend 14th/15th May in Manchester The Scout Association held its National Conference.

Part of the proceedings were to present awards which reflected the 4 pillars of the association (the first of which is growth).

I am proud to say that GME was announced as the winner of the growth category recording a 35% increase against previous years census figures!

GMN was announced as the second highest growth with 31%, well-done Cathy and her team.



I am incredibly proud of all the hard work put in by each and every one of you this amazing result was made possible by your efforts and dedication to scouting.

Well done to you all.

Yours in Scouting

Steve Hollaway, County Commissioner, Greater Manchester East.

## Congratulations for Silver Wolf recipients



Congratulations to Les Cowell, Group Scout Leader, from the 465<sup>th</sup> Manchester Scout Group. Les joined the 105<sup>th</sup> Manchester Scout Group as a Cub Scout Leader in 1981. He is currently on the County Training Team and has been the District Commissioner for North Manchester.

Congratulations to Neil Gorton, District Commissioner for North Manchester. He joined the Scout movement in 1984 as an Assistant Scout Leader with the 434<sup>th</sup> Manchester Scout Group. Since then, he has held many jobs in Scouting including County Commissioner for Greater Manchester North.

Congratulations to Keith Fraser, who is a Group Administrator with 1<sup>st</sup> Marple Scout Group. Keith was Group Scout Leader with 1<sup>st</sup> Marple for 9 years. Keith started with the 1<sup>st</sup> Marple as an Assistant Scout Leader in 1974.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Stalybridge Scout Group Annual General Meeting



The Civic Mayor of Tameside, Janet Cooper, and her Consort attended the 2<sup>nd</sup> Stalybridge Annual General Meeting and made presentations to the winners of the Bake Off.

The winners were Alex from the Squirrels, Jax from the Beavers, Ella from the Cubs, Megan from the Scouts and Sue from the Leaders/Executive.

6 Squirrels were invested by Michelle, the Leader.

Tom Lowther, the Group Scout Leader, thanked everyone for attending the meeting. There were over 60 people present. He especially mentioned Nancy Bowker, who had been the Group Treasurer for longer than he could remember. She has now been appointed as Group Vice President.

When the meeting was completed, everyone tucked into the cakes cooked by the members of the Group and Potatoe pie and cheese and onion pie.

## 250th Manchester Scout Group



On the 12<sup>th</sup> May 2022 the 250<sup>th</sup> Manchester Scout Group held their Annual General Meeting at their Headquarters on Ellen Street, Droylsden.

The meeting was opened by Chris Sampson, the Group Scout Leader. He welcomed the large number of parents and supporters who attended. He thanked the leaders for their dedication to the young members of the Group.

As well as reports from each of the Sections Heidi was invested into the Beaver Section and Lucy and Finley were invested into the Cub Section. Finley was presented with his Chief Scout Bronze Award, which he got in the Beaver Section before going into the Cub Section. From the Cub Section four Chief Scout Silver Awards were presented to Harry, Pippa, Issacc and Christopher.

Long Service Awards were presented by Andrew Morton, District Commissioner to Nick Curtis (5 years), Dave Cross (10 years), Chris Sampson (20 years), Ken Sever (25 years) and Dave Ashton (50 years).

Andrew thanked everyone for the support they have given 250<sup>th</sup> Manchester over the last two years. He said this support was vital to keep the group going and growing. He wished the Group the best for the future.

## North Tameside District Climbing Wall



Our 7m NT Climbing Wall is back in action after its long holiday, it is ready for your Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, and Explorers to use on their section nights. It is set up at Ashton Fire Station and can be used any evening for your Scouts to climb, it has 4 automatic safety lines so they can't fall off. All you need is preferably 4 Permit 1 holders they just need to be able to put a harness on your Scouts and tell them they safety instructions we can train you on the night, but for a bit of homework first have a look at

<https://youtu.be/v5WpeMStpf0>. If your Group is going to use it a few times ideally one Leader could get a Permit 2. Which is to erect the wall only, as all the leg base mountings are already set up, it only involves kicking the legs, connecting your car battery, then pressing the wall

up button. Also you need to be able to climb the wall in case a Scout freezes at the top and won't let go, just nip up with your mallet, and bash their hands, oh sorry forgot risk assessments won't allow that anymore, I meant talk them down. We can do the Permit 2 training of erecting the wall and a rescue on the night.

If you wish to hire the wall contact [alan.fish@ntscouts.org.uk](mailto:alan.fish@ntscouts.org.uk) 07931765120 for further information.

# WANTED



Crushed Aluminium Cans

For the Jamboree Fund

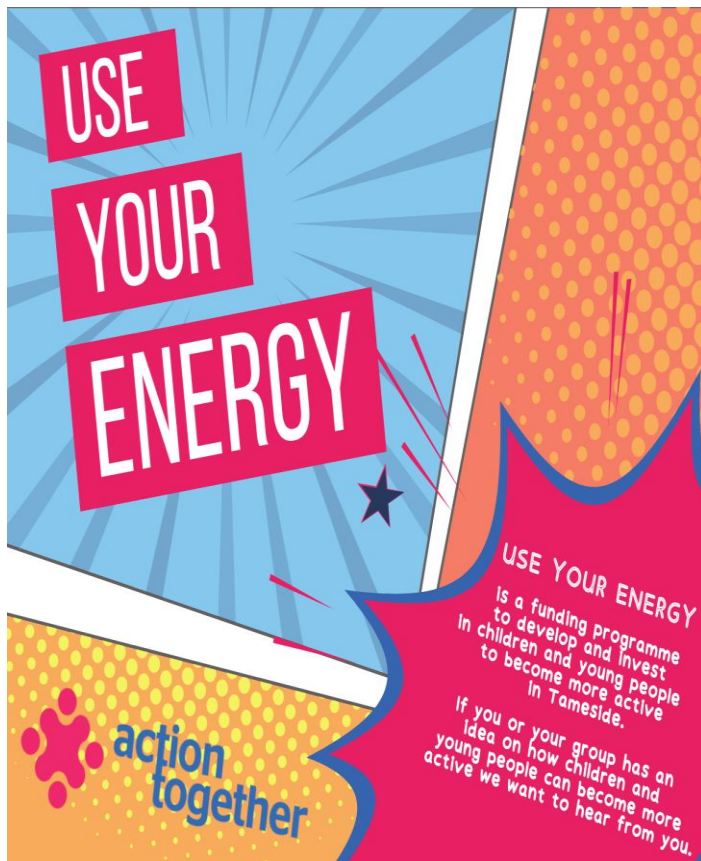
Contact Tom Lowther

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or Tina Howarth [tina.howarth@ntscouts.org.uk](mailto:tina.howarth@ntscouts.org.uk)

to donate crushed Aluminium Cans





“Use Your Energy is an Action Together programme funded by Sport England which aims to work with Tameside groups to engage and enable children and young people aged 5-18 years to become more active, more often. We have money to invest in your active ideas! Your group can apply for up to £500 to make your active idea a reality. There are lots of ways we can become more active such as volunteering, walking, cycling, swimming,

dancing, water sports, nature trails, conservation, gaming, home work-outs, boxing, skateboarding, scootering!”

To find out more go to: <https://www.actiontogether.org.uk/use-your-energy-funding-tameside>”

Thanks

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# Adult Training



Greater Manchester East Training team have been busy updating not just the way they deliver training, now offering all courses through Nearpod and Zoom, but also by updating the training website. We now have a more interactive and streamlined training area that can be found at [www.gmescouts.org.uk/training1](http://www.gmescouts.org.uk/training1)

By following the links relevant to your role, you will be able to access an overview of all the specific training required, links to access the e-learning and also the training delivered by GME. Mandatory Ongoing Learning can also be accessed in this way. An online 'Check Your Knowledge' system has also been embedded for leaders to complete and these will be sent to your TA.

We hope that you find this new training area user friendly and more accessible. Should you have any questions regarding the training delivered within GME please feel free to get hold of Shell or Cliff.

[Shell.rowlinson@gmescouts.org.uk](mailto:Shell.rowlinson@gmescouts.org.uk)

[ctm@gmescouts.org.uk](mailto:ctm@gmescouts.org.uk)

First Aid training dates from Karen our county first aid training admin.

25<sup>th</sup> June 2022 Blended AM

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/module-10a-10b-first-response-22fr07-tickets-259055109807>

Blended PM

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/module-10a-10b-first-response-22fr08-tickets-259056223137>

To book onto the course highlight the course, then Ctrl + Click, then complete the application form.

## **GETTING STARTED - Training**

**This is available on-line via the County Website for all roles in Scouting. They take between 45 and 90 minutes to complete each module.**

**Adults should complete their Getting Started training and have it validated within 5 months of them being put on Compass in their role. It can be completed before they go to the appointment's panel.**

All Courses are now on the county Calendar & bookable through EventBrite.

Greater Manchester East Scouts | Team up <https://www.gmescouts.org.uk/training>

(Copy and paste into search engine to book onto course)

Here is the list:

Tues 14<sup>th</sup> June Module 13 – Growing the Section - online

Mon 20<sup>th</sup> Jun Module 25TA – Assessing Learners - Online 6:30pm Start

22<sup>nd</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> July - Residential Course (Modules 5, 7, 8, 9, 11, 14 & 15) Linnet Clough

(Fundamentals of Scouting, Scouting for All, Skills of Leadership, Working With Adults, Administration, Supporting Young People & Promoting Positive Behaviour)

21<sup>st</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct - Residential Course (Modules 12A, 12B, 13, 16, 17, 18 & 19) Linnet Clough

(Delivering a Quality Programme, Programme Planning, Growing the Section, Introduction to Residential Experiences, Running Safe Activities, Practical Skills & International)

## **News from HQ.**

**It's time to spring clean data on Compass.** As we prepare to launch new digital tools, it's important that the data on Compass is correct. We need to make sure the contact details of members (phone numbers, email and postal addresses) are populated, current and accurate. Any inactive roles must be closed, too. Over the coming months, all adult volunteers will need a personal unique email address listed (an email not shared with anyone else like scoutgroup@scouts.org.uk or thesmiths@gmail.com) to access the new digital tools. Please start talking about this locally, and updating Compass where possible. It'd also be helpful for Group Scout Leaders to note on Compass which night each section meets.

## **More News from HQ**

### **Nominating for national honours and our new feedback form.**

Our volunteers go above and beyond, and sometimes deserve a little extra recognition. National honours are awarded for exceptional achievements, commitment, or service to Britain. Any member can nominate a fellow volunteer for a national honour and you can [learn more about the national honours \(including how to nominate for one\) online](#). Looking for inspiration? [Read about these Scouts community heroes](#) who were included in the New Year's honours list.

Also, we've now created a [feedback form](#) to make it even easier for you to share your thoughts on specific awards and the support we offer. You can find the form on the bottom righthand corner of [scouts.org.uk/awards](https://scouts.org.uk/awards) or in the 'quick links' section of any of the awards pages.

# Comedy Bingo

Presented By Comedian Brendan Riley



**Friday 8th July**

Raising Funds For 25th WSJ Korea Trip

## **Denton Labour Club**

Doors 7pm Show 8.00pm Tickets Adult £10.00 Child £5.00

Food Will Be Available On The Night

**Call: Ben Barnes 07763464504**

**[ben.barnes@tamesidesouthscouts.org.uk](mailto:ben.barnes@tamesidesouthscouts.org.uk)**

Denton Labour Club, Ashton Road, Denton, Manchester, M34 3JF

## 25<sup>th</sup> World Scout Jamboree - [UK Contingent](#)



25th World Scout Jamboree - UK Contingent We're super excited to share those applications are now open for UK Deputy Contingent Leaders for the 25th World Scout Jamboree! We're recruiting up to three Deputy Contingent Leaders, to assist the UK Contingent Leader to plan and lead the next UK Contingent to the World Scout Jamboree, which takes place in the Republic of Korea in 2023. Find out more about these exciting roles and how to apply at <http://www.scouts.org.uk/.../join-our-national.../deputyc>



## SPARE LIGHTING

The Richmond Street Community Centre are renewing their lighting system and are removing the existing strip light and replacing them with LED lights.

There will be several light fittings spare. They are all working and are as follows:  
10 - 5-foot fluorescent tubes and fitting, 15 - 600mm x 600mm fitting and 6 - 300mm dia. bulkhead fitting.

If interested contact Ken Marks on [ken.marks@ntscouts.org.uk](mailto:ken.marks@ntscouts.org.uk)





**'Think big. Dream wild. Act together.'**  
**JOIN IN JAMBOREE - GME County Camp**  
**26<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

Good Afternoon,

Hope this email finds you all well.

Attached is a matrix to show those people, whom I'm delighted to say have come forward, to be involved with the event either with a Subcamp team or Youth Commissioner or equivalent from our Districts. Unfortunately, some Districts still have no-one as yet to represent their District within the subcamp team, this amongst all our other challenges has to be a priority, prior to our inaugural meeting in July.

**Our meeting will take place on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> July at 1<sup>st</sup> Heaton Moor HQ, St Pauls Rd, SK4 4RY. from 2.30pm to start at 3pm.**

Please ensure your District is represented, why not come along anyway, so you can contribute first hand together with your Youth Commissioner.

We really look forward to seeing you all.

Thanks in advance for your support.

**Claire Jarvis**

**Event Lead**

**Deputy County Commissioner - Operations District Commissioner - Cheadle & District**

**Neil Kidd**

**Event Lead - Site Coordinator**